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SUMMARY: PIANIST DAVID BURGE AND COMPOSER GEORGE CRUMB VISIT TO CLUJ A GREAT SUCCESS. CONCERT, LECTURE AT CONSERVATORY AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH COMPOSERS ATTRACT LARGE, ENTHUSIASTIC AUDIENCES AND TIE-IN WITH AMBASSADORIAL VISIT HELPED OTHER EMBASSY SECTIONS IN CONTACTS WITH PROMINENT POLITICAL AND CULTURAL FIGURES.

1. PIANIST DAVID BURGE AND COMPOSER GEORGE CRUMB, STAGS, ACCOMPANIED BY USIA MUSIC EXPERT DARYL DAYTON BEGAN VISIT TO ROMANIA, OCTOBER 11 - 13, IN IMPRESSIVE FASHION. DAYTON USED TAPES OF CRUMB'S MUSIC AND SPOKE WITH CRUMB ABOUT HIS WORKS BEFORE 120 STUDENTS AND PROFESSORS OF THE CLUB CONSERVATORY AND FOLLOWED THIS SUCCESSFUL PERFORMANCE WITH 2-1/2 HOUR SESSION FOLLOWING DAY IN ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH EIGHT LEADING CLUJ COMPOSERS INCLUDING RECTOR OF CONSERVATORY.

2. THE BURGE PERFORMANCE WITH CLUJ PHILHARMONIC OF GERSHWIN'S CONCERTO IN F WAS MAJOR PIECE ON LAST NIGHT OF PRESTIGIOUS ANNUAL CLUJ FALL MUSIC FESTIVAL. BURGE'S EXCELLENT INTERPRETATION EARNED GREAT APPLAUSE AS DID HIS TWO ENCORES FROM THE SRO AUDIENCE OF 950 - 1,000. BURGE DELIVERED SHORT SPEECH IN ROMANIAN AND HE AND CRUMB CAME ACROSS AS TALENTED ARTISTS AND WARM INDIVIDUALS. AMBASSADOR BARNES USED UNCLASSIFIED

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OCCASION FOR AN IN-DEPTH WORKING TRIP TO ROMANIA'S SECOND

LARGEST CITY. AMBASSADOR HOSTED LUNCHEON IN AFTERNOON AND RECEPTION FOR PROMINENT AREA POLITICAL AND CULTURAL FIGURES FOLLOWING CONCERT.

3. TRIP WAS OUTSTANDING SUCCESS ON ALL COUNTS AND IS INDICATIVE OF USEFULNESS OF QUALITY P&C CULTURAL EVENT FOR ENABLING ALL EMBASSY SECTIONS TO REACH PRIME AUDIENCES.

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